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8 IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
9 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CLARK AND THE CITIES OF VANCOUVER,
WASHOUGAL AND CAMAS

10 In Re:

11 COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
12 EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
13 BY COVID-19 AND RELATED
CORONAVIRUS

EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
RE: IN PERSON COURT
APPEARANCES
NO. GAO 2022-01

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16 WHEREAS on February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee and
17 the Washington State Supreme Court declared a State of Emergency due to the public
18 health emergency posed by the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID 19).

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20 WHEREAS although there are now more treatments and vaccines available to
21 help prevent or mitigate the effects of the novel coronavirus if contracted, COVID 19
22 and its variants remain highly transmissible and continue to pose serious health risks to
23 certain vulnerable populations.

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25 WHEREAS the Washington State Supreme Court has authorized local courts to
26 enact operational changes and safety protocols consistent with State and local public
27 health guidance.

1 WHEREAS the Clark County District Court is a high-volume court that provides
2 essential court services to the public and where some persons are also compelled or
3 summons to appear in person by court order; and where telecommuting of court staff or
4 remote court hearing participation by jurors, witnesses, attorneys and other parties is
5 not possible.
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7 WHEREAS the Clark County District Court is committed to fair and equal
8 treatment of all persons and to ensure access to justice in as safe an environment as
9 possible.
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11 THEREFORE, it is hereby Ordered that:

12 1. All persons who are exhibiting symptoms of, or who have tested positive or who
13 are under quarantine due to recent exposure to a person who has tested positive for
14 COVID19 shall not be present in any courtroom. If signs of illness are detected, you
15 may be refused entry or asked to leave. Please contact your attorney or call the court
16 at (564) 397-2424 to reschedule your court date. If a person is unable to appear in-
17 person pursuant to this provision the matter will be rescheduled, and a warrant will not
18 be issued for non-appearance.
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20 2. Persons who wish to request a remote appearance accommodation for a hearing
21 that is scheduled for an in-person appearance should contact their attorney. If
22 unrepresented by counsel, please call the number above for instructions on how to
23 submit your request to the court.
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25 3. All hearings delayed as a result of a party's inability to appear as a result of
26 COVID, or any prior Clark County District Court Emergency Administrative Orders are
27 made for good cause in light of the ongoing health crisis and shall be excluded periods
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1 for purpose of speedy trial, CrRLJ 3.3, CrRLJ 4.1, IRLJ 2.2, IRLJ 2.6 and any other
2 applicable court rule.

3 4. All other Administrative Orders remain in full effect, except as modified herein.

4 All provisions of this order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

5 Dated this 16th day of Jun 2022.

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9 KELLI E. OSLER
PRESIDING JUDGE